

Remarks

Claim 22 has been amended. Claims 1 to 10, 12 to 19, 21 and 22 remain pending in the present application. Reexamination and reconsideration in light of the following Remarks is respectfully requested.

Claim Objections

The Examiner objected to claim 22 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. Applicant has amended this claim to more clearly point out that which the Applicant wishes to claim. Withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

Claim Rejections

The Examiner rejected claims 1 to 10, 12 to 19, 21 and 22 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as anticipated by Pesno, U.S. Patent No. 3,684,056. These rejections are respectfully traversed.

It appears that the Examiner misinterpreted some of the terms used in the claims, specifically the terms “section chain” and “chain connection member.” Applicant submits that using these terms as defined in the Specification at page 9, lines 3 to 16 and page 10, lines 10 to 19 will distinguish the pending claims from the cited prior art. The Examiner has indicated elements designated 31 and 45 to be the equivalent of the section chain and chain connection member, respectively. Element 31 is an elevator chain which includes an lifting hook 45 which engages and raises individual base scaffolding unit 60.

By way of contrast, section chain 22 in the present application, as shown in FIG. 1a, is a series of individual sections 24, as shown in FIG. 7, hingedly connected to each other, as shown in FIG. 22 and 23. Chain connection member 40 in the present application, as shown in FIGS. 1a, 1b, and 2 to 4, is a hook shaped item mounted to each of the sections 24. Chain connection members 40 link adjacent sections 24 as adjacent section chains 22 are raised, as shown in FIGS. 27a, 27b, 27c and 28.

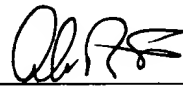
Applicant submits that the section chains and chain connection members are not the equivalent structure of the elevator chain and lifting hook of the cited prior art. Thus, Applicant submits that the claims 1 to 24 of the present application are anticipated by the

cited prior art and are in condition for immediate allowance. Reexamination and reconsideration is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner has any questions regarding this Amendment and Response, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's representative Alan Stewart at 612.371.5376.

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